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(All actions have taken place in England unless stated otherwise)

19 APRIL 1984 - ST.PETER PORT & ST.MARTIN's, GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

ALF activists carried out an attack on various premises connected with animal abuse in Guernsey. A slaughter house off South Esplanade, both sides of the meat market and Dice Gifts in Fountain Street and Chilcott's at Grande Rue, St. Martin's were all sprayed with anti-cruelty slogans.

22 APRIL 1984 - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, USA

In an Easter Sunday attack on the Veterans Administration Hospital, ALF activists liberated a dog which was being used for surgical infection experiments. The activists broke into an outdoor kennel attached to the vivisection laboratory in order to rescue the dog which was a spaniel-type cross-breed. The animal's stomach was found to have a large incision and also a nasty scar from a previous experiment.

22 APRIL 1984 - TORONTO, CANADA

ALF activists staged an Easter Sunday raid on the University of Waterloo, Toronto and liberated 8 rabbits. The raiders left behind slogan-painted Easter eggs in place of the rabbits saying: "Stop Animal Abuse" and "Animals Have Rights Too" and also a gift-wrapped copy of 'Animal Liberation' by Peter Singer. All rabbits are now in good homes.

EARLY MAY 1984 - STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE

ALF activists destroyed snares and traps which had been set in a wood to catch wild animals. A fence which was specially designed to assist the trapping and snaring of animals was also severely damaged by the activists. This was the third time in recent weeks that action had been carried out at this site.

EARLY MAY 1984 - CRICK, Near CALDICOT, SOUTH WALES

Painting was the order of the day when ALF activists carried out an attack on an battery unit. "Give Animals a Natural Life" and "Animal Liberation Front" were sprayed in red paint in 3ft high letters on the walls of the factory farm fronting the A48 road at Crick. The cost of removing the paint was put at £200. In an anonymous call to the local paper an ALF spokesman said: "We are fed up and frustrated with the inaction of Government in legislating against factory farming and in handing out leaflets and not achieving tangible results".

EARLY MAY 1984 - PALMERS GREEN, NORTH LONDON

ALF activists glued up the lock of a butcher's shop in Aldermans Hill in a protest against the meat trade.

EARLY MAY 1984 - IPSWICH, SUFFOLK

In a protest against the mass cruelty of factory farming, ALF members daubed slogans on the windows of three butcher's shops: Baxter's in Westgate Street, Matthews in Westgate Street and Dewhursts in St. Mathews Street.

EARLY MAY 1984 - WIMBLEDON, SOUTH LONDON

The ALF carried out an attack on the premises of a man who kicked his neighbour's cat to death. John Doughty, who admitted killing the cat, had the words "Cat Killer" painted in foot-high letters on his garden wall and the paintwork on his car was also damaged. Doughty claimed the cat had attacked him and so he kicked the cat. He stated: "The cat landed in the corner of the garden and at the time I was more worried about my own injuries". A vet's post mortem revealed that the cat, called Solomon, had died from swallowing its own blood. The ALF have stated that their attack on this cat killer's home was a warning and that if he harms another animal, they will return.

3 MAY 1984 - SHERBORNE, DORSET

An Animal Rights campaigner appeared before Sherborne Magistrates having been charged with criminal damage. Gareth Harris had admitted to the breaking the front window of a butcher's shop in a protest against "a vile trade". He was sentenced to 40 hours community service.

3 MAY 1984 - MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE

ALF activists sprayed the windows and glued up the lock of W. Spears, a butcher's shop in Park Lane, Macclesfield.

3 MAY 1984 - HARROW, MIDDLESEX

Animal Rights campaigners claimed responsibility for throwing a concrete slab through the window of a butcher's shop. The large front window was smashed at the premises of Al Halal Meat in Central Parade, Station Road, Harrow only hours before it was due to open for the first time. An Animal Rights spokesman telephoned the local paper to claim responsibility and stated that this attack was the start of a campaign against local butcher's shops.

4 MAY 1984 - MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE

ALF activists sprayed the windows and glued the locks of two butcher's shops with anti-factory farming slogans. On the same evening, anti-bloodsports slogans were sprayed along the Pennine Way and slogans condemning ICI were sprayed all over Macclesfield town centre.

4 MAY 1984 - BODMIN, CORNWALL

Animal Rights campaigner, Steven Roberts, wished to show his disapproval with the way a neighbour was keeping rabbits in a garage. He sprayed "Illegal, immoral treatment of animals in here" on the man's garage door at Furze Hill, Bodmin Magistrates heard. He also daubed "No.31 ignores Animal Rights" and "ALF" on the garden wall. After commenting that "Private property should be respected", Bodmin Magistrates fined Steven £100 after having already paid £20 for the damage to be put right. The solicitor defending Steven had stated in Court: "The garage did not have proper lighting or ventilation and as the rabbits have since been removed from the garage, the protest had had its effect".

4 MAY 1984 - ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE

"Vivisection Means Murder" was sprayed on the premises of Boots The Chemists and across the windows of the shop by ALF activists. The Manager of the shop was known to be very angry and instructed the cleaners to "Scrape it off as quickly as possible".

7 MAY 1984 - CALVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

ALF activists, in a protest against factory farming, rescued 11 chickens from their cramped cages and daubed slogans on the side of a broiler unit at Calverton.

7 MAY 1984 - SHEFFIELD, SOUTH YORKSHIRE

In a protest against the slaughter of millions of animals for the fur trade, ALF activists sprayed slogans in red paint over the front window and glued the locks of Joseph Fox Furriers in Rockingham Gate, Sheffield city centre. This shop has been attacked before and suffered £5,000 damage in a two-week protest last year. An ALF spokesman commented: "People who make profits from animals have got to be taught a lesson".

8 MAY 1984 - HEBDEN BRIDGE, WEST YORKSHIRE

ALF activists claimed responsibility for spraying vehicles and buildings with "Stop the Torture" slogans at Lee Farms Limited, poultry farmers of Lee Wood, Hebden Bridge.

10 MAY 1984 - FRAMPTON COTTERELL, BRISTOL, AVON

ALF activists carried out a raid on a battery hen farm and rescued 12 chickens. The activists, who walked into the hen house through an unlocked door, said the attack was carried out because the hens were living in "Cruel, disgusting and emaciated conditions". As a result of the raid, farmer Richard Curtis, said he will shoot on sight anyone he caught trying to get into his hen houses which home 2,700 chickens. In a statement to the local paper he said: "There is nothing cruel about the form of factory farming I practice and if I catch

anyone, I will cut them to ribbons with a dose of lead shot and damn the consequences". The chickens are now in free-range conditions.

10 MAY 1984 - COLNEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE

ALF activists wrecked a gamekeeper's suppliers when they attacked it for the second time this year. Equipment was smashed, sacks of dog food were slashed open, the office was upturned and daubed with slogans such as: "Blood money and "Animal Murderers" and a valuable vintage Bentley car was sprayed with paint stripper at the Colney Heath firm of Gilbertson & Page. The premises, first attacked by the ALF seven years ago, were gutted in an arson attack on the 1st February 1984 causing £50,000 of damage. The raid took place in protest against this company selling gamebird rearing accessories, equipment for the gassing of wild animals, traps for catching mice, sparrows, squirrels, mink, pigeons and crows, screaming rabbit decoy calls for luring foxes and shooting equipment.

12 MAY 1984 - ZEIST, HOLLAND

The Dutch ALF carried out a raid on the Government-run Technological Research Laboratory and liberated 30 beagles.

12 MAY 1984 - MARGATE, KENT

In a protest against factory-farming, Animal Rights campaigners painted anti-cruelty slogans on the outside of buildings belonging to Shottendane battery egg farm.

15 MAY 1984 - WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE

Animal Rights campaigner, Mike Meeks, was given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay £25 costs by Winchester Magistrates after being convicted of the theft of a chicken during a demonstration in February 1984 against Webb & Webb poultry processing plant in Winchester. During the demonstration, several chickens, which were due to go for slaughter, were taken away by protestors and placed in good homes. Two other Animal Rights activists were acquitted of similar charges at previous Court hearings.

15 MAY 1984 - HACKNEY, EAST LONDON

ALF activists set fire to chicken crates on the back of a lorry. The lorry, which was used to take hens from the battery farm to the slaughterhouse, was parked at night in Kingshold Road, Hackney and was gutted in the attack. Paint stripper was poured onto the cab of the transporter and grinding paste was put into the engine. Total damage was estimated at £12,000. At the time of the attack, the activists responsible were careful that no other vehicles or buildings were in any danger from the lorry being set alight. The vehicle was owned by Kerstein Poultry, a meat retailer based at Monier Road, Bow, East London. In an anonymous 'phone call to the local paper an ALF representative said: "The most effective way of hitting the meat trade is by using direct action in this way and causing financial damage. We will strike again in the future". Kerstein's are involved in the ritual slaughter meat trade.

16 MAY 1984 - FALMER, ESSEX

In a protest against the painful experiments carried out on animals, ALF activists painted slogans on the windows and doors of the Biology Department at Essex University.

19 MAY 1984 - HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

ALF activists attacked the business premises of Mr. Dowker, a battery farmer, when they set fire to an empty broiler pheasant house. The building was completely gutted by the arson attack and would usually house up to 20,000 pheasants. The action was carried out as a protest against pheasants being reared and kept in intensive conditions for sale to restaurants.

19 MAY 1984 - CHELFORD, CHESHIRE

Damage estimated at £300 was caused to a butcher's shop by having its windows

smashed with bricks.

21 MAY 1984 - WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The homes of two animal abusers were the subject of attacks by the ALF. A Dr. Cliff of Boxley Drive, West Bridgford, who works in the Toxicology Dept at Boots had the locks to his home filled with glue and Dr. Lewis of Chorlworth Road, also West Bridgford, who is one of the chief vivisectors at Boots, had paint stripper poured over his garage and its lock glued.

23 MAY 1984 - SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE

Eight ALF activists carried out a raid on Salisbury Laboratories Limited and 12 chickens were rescued from their cramped cages where they were being subjected to experimentation. The Company, which at the time of the attack was owned by the Mayor of Salisbury, has links with the notorious Porton Down Chemical and Biological Research Centre protected under the Official Secrets Act by the Ministry of Defence. After the raiders had taken a door off its hinges to get to the hens, they then broke into an adjoining laboratory and several thousand pounds worth of damage was caused to equipment. An Animal Rights campaigner, James Walsh, has been arrested in connection with the raid and charged with burglary and criminal damage. Any donations towards his defence costs should be sent to him via the ALF Supporters Group, c/o ALF, BCM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX.

26 MAY 1984 - WHITECHAPEL, EAST LONDON

ALF activists paid a vist to the research laboratory at the London Hospital, Whitechapel and daubed "Animal Murderers" on the outside walls. Also in the attack, a window of the administration building of the laboratory at the hospital was smashed with a brick. They keep details of their experiments secret but it is known that they have carried out experiments on greyhounds whereby tubes were implanted into their stomachs to investigate stomach actions.

26 MAY 1984 - BOW, EAST LONDON

ALF activists returned to the scene of a previous attack and set fire to a lorry belonging to Epping Meat International in Bow, East London. This was the second time that this company, who are ritual slaughterers, was attacked; two of their lorries were destroyed by fire earlier this year.

27 MAY 1984 - HAILEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE

16 mice - 8 male and 8 female - were rescued by ALF activists from Haileybury College where they were to be used as breeding stock for dissection purposes.

29 MAY 1984 - LEYTON, EAST LONDON

In a busy night for ALF activists, "Meat Means Murder" slogans were daubed on the pavement outside 12 butcher's shops in the Leyton area.

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